

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON  
LIQUOR COMMISSION

January 13, 2015

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Diana Martinez and Jody Cabanaw to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their January 31, 2015, wedding reception to be held at the Davis Lodge. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Staff Absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Comment section of the meeting. No one came forward to address the Commission.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the requestor address this request. Diana Martinez addressed the Commission. The wedding ceremony and reception would be held at the Davis Lodge on January 31, 2015. It would start around 4:00 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. She anticipated 100 guests. Redbird Catering, located at 1507 N. Main St., would provide the food and beverage service. Liquor service would be limited to beer and wine only.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the request of Diana Martinez and Jody Cabanaw to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at the Davis Lodge for their January 31, 2015 wedding reception be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's January 26, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged them to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:07 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Patricia O'Neill and Kristi Soule to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their April 25, 2015, wedding reception to be held at the Davis Lodge. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Staff Absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested the requestor address this request. Patricia O’Neill addressed the Commission. The wedding ceremony and reception would be held at the Davis Lodge on April 25, 2015. It would start around 4:00 p.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. (Midnight). She anticipated approximately 125 guests. The Bistro, located at 316 N. Main St., would provide the food and beverage service. Liquor service would be limited to beer and wine only.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the request of Patricia O’Neill and Kristi Soule to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at the Davis Lodge for their April 25, 2015 wedding reception be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council’s February 9, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged them to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:12 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Big Cheese, Inc, d/b/a Flingers Pizza Pub, located at 1503 E. Vernon Ave., requesting an RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk and Patrick Fruin owner/operator and Applicant representative.

Staff Absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested the Applicant representatives address this request. Patrick Fruin, owner/operator and Applicant representative addressed the Commission. Mr. Fruin noted he previously owned/operated Flingers Pizza Co. at 608 N. Main St from 2007 to 2013. The lease for the location was not renewed. The new building was 2800 sq. ft. and had a patio. His menu would remain the same.

Commissioner Jordan questioned BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) certification. Mr. Fruin stated he was currently certified and all employees would be soon.

Commissioner Jordan questioned seating capacity. Mr. Fruin stated approximately 100 – 120. He wanted to offer family dining. He noted that the floor plan was being redrawn. The original architect would not release the drawings. George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that the floor plan defined the premise, i.e. serving area for alcohol.

Commissioner Jordan questioned video gaming devices. Mr. Fruin explained that he was reviewing similar concepts. He would lose eight (8) seats. A cost benefit analysis would be reviewed.

Mr. Boyle noted that Lard Lad Donuts, LLC was listed on the insurance letter. Mr. Fruin explained that he was owner Lard Lad Donuts, LLC which owned the building. Lard Lad would rent the building to Big Cheese, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the Council that a RAS liquor license for Big Cheese, Inc, d/b/a Flingers Pizza Pub, located at 1503 E. Vernon Ave., be approved contingent upon: 1.)correct liquor liability insurance; 2.)floor plan submittal; and 3.)compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner informed Mr. Fruin that Staff would review the floor plan. If there were issues with same the application would be returned to the Liquor Commission. Commissioner Renner noted that this item would appear on the Council's February 9, 2015 meeting agenda. He encouraged Mr. Fruin to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:21 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Bloomington Mobil, Inc., d/b/a Bloomington Mobil, located at 1513 Morrissey Dr., requesting a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk and Thagish John and Vijay Musvnrurv owners and Applicant representatives.

Staff Absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant representatives address this request. Thagish John and Vijay Musvnrurv owners and Applicant representatives addressed the Commission. Mr. John noted that the location currently held a packaged liquor license.

Commissioner Renner questioned BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training and retail sale of alcohol experience. Mr. John responded negatively.

Commissioner Jordan questioned floor plan and insurance. Mr. John stated that floor plan would be the same as the current liquor license holder. He explained that they were currently working with an insurance company.

Commissioner Renner noted that the articles of incorporation were missing.

Commissioner Tompkins noted that the emergency contact sheet listing Ms. Dakes address as the business. Mr. John stated he would provide an updated address.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to laid over the GPBS liquor license of Bloomington Mobil, Inc., d/b/a Bloomington Mobil, located at 1513 Morrissey Dr., until the next Liquor Commission Meeting on February 10, 2015.

Commissioner Renner reminded the Applicant's that prior to the Liquor Commission meeting the following would have to be completed: 1.)emergency contact address updated; 2.)provide articles of incorporation; 3.)insurance commitment letter; 4.)floor plan; and 5.) commitment to BASSET training.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:27 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Marplayaa, Inc., d/b/a Windy City Wieners, located at 116 W. Washington St., requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk and Adam Elpayaa and Steven Manifjeren owners and Applicant representatives.

Staff Absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant representatives address this request. Adam Elpayaa and Steven Manifjeren owners and Applicant representatives addressed the Commission.

Mr. Elpayaa stated that Windy City Wieners was also located at 106 E Beaufort St. Normal, IL. They had been operating the Bloomington location for one (1) year. He noted that the customer base was different from the Town of Normal. They wanted the ability to serve beer with a meal. Alcohol service would end at 10:00 p.m. including Friday and Saturday. They did not want to be a tavern.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education). Mr. Elpayaa and Mr. Manifjern responded negatively. They stated the training would be completed.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the plan for the patio area. Commissioner Renner noted that he had spoken with Janet Lancaster, owner, The Bistro, located at 316 N. Main St., and president of the Downtown Bar Association. There was concern with serving alcohol until midnight on the patio. Mr. Manifjern stated that drinking alcohol outside would not be permitted. He reminded the Commission that alcohol service would end at 10:00 p.m.

Janet Lancaster, owner/operator The Bistro, addressed the Commission. She believed that permitting outdoor café service provided opportunity for foot traffic. That same projected a friendlier downtown. She noted that the Town of Normal allowed same.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned encroaching on public space. He reminded the Commission that outdoor alcohol service space must be defined and approved.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend to the Council that a Marplayaa, Inc., d/b/a Windy City Wieners, located at 116 W. Washington St., be approved contingent upon compliance with all health safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's February 9, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged them to attend same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:35 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification by from Lutheran Senior Living of Illinois Inc., d/b/a Luther Oaks, located at 601 Lutz Rd., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this item involved the change of corporate officer. The Liquor Control Commission requires that a License holder inform the municipality and obtain a letter from same stating that the municipality had been informed and the license remains in force.

Commissioner Renner noted that Lori Fedyk, became CFO of Lutheran Senior Living of Illinois Inc., as of August 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the change of corporate officer for Lutheran Senior Living of Illinois Inc., d/b/a Luther Oaks, located at 601 Lutz Rd., currently holding an RAS liquor license; said license remains in force.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:36 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification of violation payment from BLM Columbian Home Association, d/b/a Knights of Columbus, located at 1706 R T Dunn Dr., currently holding an CA liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner,

Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor violation hearing and noted that the Commission would be informed that a settlement had been offered and that payment to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission in the amount of \$500 was accepted in lieu of the City fine.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He explained the Illinois State Police (ILCC) and the City Police Department had conducted a joint audit. The City accepted the fined issued by the ILCC. The violation would be recorded in the file.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:37 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification of violation payment from Fiesta Ranchera of West Bloomington, Inc., d/b/a Fiesta Ranchera #6, located at 1041 JC Parkway, currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor violation hearing and noted that the Commission would be informed that a settlement had been offered and payment had been made.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was a first offense for Fiesta Ranchera #6. The license holder paid a \$600 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:38 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification of violation payment from Varunee and Kevin Tuuk, d/b/a Thai House of Bloomington, located at 805 Morrissey, currently holding an RBS liquor license which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor violation hearing and noted that the Commission would be informed that a settlement had been offered and payment had been made.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was a second offense for Thai House. The license holder paid a \$1000 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:39 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification of violation payment from The Momma, Inc., d/b/a The Bistro, located at 316 N. Main St., currently holding an TAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor violation hearing and noted that the Commission would be informed that a settlement had been offered and payment had been made.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was a second offense for The Bistro. The license holder paid a \$1000 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:40 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification of violation payment from Caffè Italia, LLC, d/b/a Caffè Italia, located at 511 Chancellor Dr., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor violation hearing and noted that the Commission would be informed that a settlement had been offered and payment had been made.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was a first offense for Caffè Italia. The license holder paid a \$600 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:41 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the sentence review of December 16, 2014 Case 2014-017 on TVEO Corporation, d/b/a Eric's Mini Mart and Restaurant, located at 903 W. Wood St., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for the consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari

Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, Greg Moredock, attorney with Sorling Northrup and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk, and Eric Trujillo, owner/operator, and Hal Jennings, license holder's attorney.

Commissioner absent: Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the sentence review of December 17, 2014 Case 2014-017 and noted that the Commission would be informed that the payment had been made.

Hal Jennings, attorney for license holder, addressed the Commission. He noted that Eric Trujillo, owner/operator, had paid the \$1500 liquor fine today. He noted that the requested certified financial reports were not completed. He explained that Mr. Trujillo was referred, his Certified Public Accountant (CPA), American Tax and Accounting. He was informed via letter on December 29, 2014 that the company had formed a new business. His CPA returned from vacation on January 12, 2015 informing them he no longer did this type of work. Mr. Paul Jefferson, CPA, was agreed to complete the required reports. These reports would not be available until the end of business on Friday, January 16, 2015.

Commissioner Jordan questioned next steps. George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He confirmed the liquor fine payment. He believed that Mr. Trujillo had complied with the suspension. The certified financial reports remained outstanding for Case 2014-017. He believed staff's position was to deferred alcohol sales until after the financial reports were reviewed.

Greg Moredock, attorney with Sorling Northrup, addressed the Commission. He noted that Mr. Tujillo was appealing to the Illinois State Liquor Control, Case 2014-013. He explained that the financial reports would require Commission review for compliance. An additional three (3) days would not affect same.

Mayor Renner stated that the certified financial reports due date would be Tuesday, January 21, 2015.

Commissioner Jordan questioned serving time. Mr. Moredock explained that the initial order, every weekend suspension, no alcohol sales after 10:30 and \$1500 fine was under appeal. Today's review was on the 2014-017 case, requiring certified financial reports, twenty – eight (28) straight day no alcohol sales and \$1500 fine payment. Mr. Trujillo was in compliance with everything except the certified financial reports. Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, addressed the Commission. He believed Mr. Trujillo had complied with the suspension and no alcohol sales.

Surena Fish, 909 W. Wood St., addressed the Commission. Ms. Fish noted with the alcohol service suspended there were no problems. She believed the suspensions should remain until Mr. Trujillo completely complies.



Mayor Renner acknowledged that Mr. Trujillo had not previously provided correct paperwork. The Commission would ensure that Mr. Trujillo's establishment remained a corporative neighborhood restaurant.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Renee Gooderham  
Chief Deputy Clerk